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Feeling That Comes When One Finds Himself Lost.

IS HEART DEADENING PANIC

Mental Experience Leaves a Vivid Impression—Felt Like Trapped Animal—Alone and Lost Had Taken a False Trail and Overcome by Fear.

One must be independent to enjoy the vast freedom of the woods, mighty and protecting, yet unfettering, gathering myriads of living things in safety within their shelter. It is a wonderful experience—and familiarity cannot lessen the wonder of it—to choose some unfrequented trail that the forest has half reclaimed and follow it for a time, then suddenly to stop and listen. The underbrush, the trees, the broken thread of path, which had seemed only to echo our footsteps and frame a human form, now in our silence give forth all the voices of the woods, elusive, intermittent, but alive—life everywhere, whispering warning of an intruder who may have come for evil or for good, and one feels without seeing myriad eyes upon him.

Have you ever been afraid in the woods? Not that mysterious awe of the first twilights that all know who have camped, when the silence is absolute, when shadows have swallowed up the distance and the light has almost faded from the sky, when one feels dimly the vast, latent power of nature around him with which some time or other he must struggle and conquer or be crushed. This fear of the forest was different. I was alone and lost. I had taken a false trail at some unblazed turn and of a sudden realized the truth. For a long moment I could think of nothing, see nothing, hear nothing, only be conscious of the fact of my utter helplessness. I felt the heart deadening panic of the trapped animal, wanting to run against my barriers on every side. Only a moment, I say, and then my reason was alert to solve the problem of return. But the mental experience left a vivid impression, and I can understand the despair of the really lost, wandering endlessly in aimless circles.—Outing Magazine.

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A SWORDFISH DUEL.

Two of the Monsters in a Vicious and Deadly Battle.

The big swordfish had reached the blue waters of the ocean when without warning a blue backed torpedo-like body shot out of the depths, coming at it like an arrow.

The swordfish tipped intuitively, and a sword grazed its head as a big, thickset member of its own family swept through the waters above it.

The two fish turned and came at each other like mad bulls. Again by some miracle they missed, just grazing one another, to whirl about and begin the circling play for time and opportunity.

Then, like flashes of light, they turned and came on with a strange whistling sound and a compact that tossed the white churned spume high in the air—came together as only bodies weighing 200 or 300 pounds can when impelled by animate vibrant engines of unknown power—came together and remained there, whirling, tossing tails in air, rolling over and over. The long slender fish had pierced the other, and the terrific efforts on the part of the fish were to unsheath the sword, which was only accomplished after a struggle for several minutes.

Then both fishes shot away, then again came together, giving mighty side blows, and then out of the red stained water one broke and fled.

The writer found the largest of these fishes a few days later on the sand, where it had been washed or thrown by the waves. Four or five deep wounds marked the body.

In one rush the sword had entered the eye, coming out at the gills; another cut a furrow along the top of the head, another still had entered slightly from below, but the real cause for defeat was evident in its sword, which was splintered and broken against its enemy.—Recreation.

The Truth Anyway.

A teacher in a tenement district hurried from the school to find the mother of a pupil who had been taken quite ill.

"Can you show me where Mrs. Angelo Scandale lives?" she inquired of a cherub transplanted from the sunny south to a dark, sunless alley.

"Yes, teach, I show you," and a willing, sticky hand dragged her on with such speed as to make her stumble over an Italian dame seated on the threshold.

After the teacher's breathless flight toward the clouds the little hand stopped tugging.

"There where Mees Scandale live," indicated the horizontal arm and finger, "but she downstair sitting on the step," finished the smiling lips.—Harper's Magazine.

Firstborns Will Agree.

They were discussing the law of entail—the English law bequeathing the bulk of the family property to the eldest son.

"There is 50 per cent of logic in that law," said a physician, "and if the family property went to the firstborn, whether son or daughter, the law would contain 100 per cent of logic. For the firstborn child is practically always the best—best in brain, in build, in beauty, in everything."—Atlanta Constitution.

Dangerous Combination.

Weary Walker—I allers knowed it! Tired Tatters—Knowed what? Weary Walker—Wot that sign meant, "Cleaning and Dyeing." Tired Tatters—Well, wot about it? Weary Walker—Why, I allers knowed they went together.—Illustrated Bits.

Second thoughts are often best, even in a case of love at first sight.—Philadelphia Record.

TEA

New York is too far from Japan; San Francisco is nearer.

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BRIEF SESSION OF CONGRESS.

House and Senate Hold Brief Meeting in Which Bills Are Introduced.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—The House adjourned today until Thursday after a short session taken up with the introduction of bills. The bills introduced at the session of the House today include: Hall, of South Dakota, for removing the duty on imports of lumber dressed or rough, Macdonry, making it a felony punishable by imprisonment of from two to five years or by fine to publish or circulate any false or misleading advertisement; retiring on pay all veterans of the Civil War who have attained the age of 75. Fulton, of Oklahoma, introduced a bill prohibiting the mailing of any statement or margin or other stock wagering transaction; making it a felony under the telegraph commerce law to utilize the telegram for that purpose; directing the Secretary of the Interior to at once place on the pension roll the names of all survivors of the Civil War, whether regulars or volunteers, who served at least 60 days and so increasing the pensions that no such survivors shall receive less than \$40 monthly.

The Senate was in session a little more than an hour and adjourned until tomorrow. The resolutions of Senators Clay and Culberson calling upon the Secretary of the Treasury for information concerning the recent bond issues went over until another day.

MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

Meeting at Chicago Will Discuss Navy Medical Bills.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Representatives of State and Territorial medical organizations from all parts of the United States will gather here tomorrow for the national legislative council of the American Medical Association. The sessions will continue through Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

The most important subject to be considered will be the navy medical reorganization bills proposed by Surgeon General Rixey of the United States Navy.

Federal and State regulations of public health and uniform medical legislation will be considered. Dr. Cressy L. Wilbur, chief statistician of the Department of the Vital Statistics of the U. S. Census Bureau, will speak on uniform legislation for vital statistics.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

Will be Held Either in St. Paul or Louisville.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Norton E. Mack, a member of the Democratic National committee, for New York, said today, while en route to Washington to attend the meeting of the committee on Thursday that the National Convention would be held in St. Paul or Louisville. He said Denver was not central enough, that Chicago had made no bid for it. He declared Bryan should be nominated for president and had heard many prominent Democrats express a preference for former Governor Douglass of Massachusetts for second place on the ticket.

RECUERS PROCEED SLOWLY.

Sixty Bodies Now Brought to the Surface.

MONONGAH, W. Va., Dec. 9.—When darkness came tonight a total of sixty bodies had been brought from the two wrecked mines. The rescue work was progressing slowly but smoothly. The fire which caused a suspension of the rescue work in mine No. 8 yesterday was extinguished at noon today. The miners assert the death list will exceed 400 but President Watson believes the estimates greatly exaggerated. A census is being taken to more definitely fix the number who were working in the mine at the time of the explosion.

EVANS ASSUMES COMMAND.

OLD POINT COMFORT, Dec. 9.—The doubled-starred flag of blue, the emblem of the commander in chief of the Pacific-bound squadron was flung to the breeze from the main truck of the battleship Connecticut today and Rear Admiral Evans formally assumed the position as leader of the greatest naval movement in the history of the American people. The fleet will sail next Monday.

CLAIMS "BLACK HAND"

PITTSBURG, Dec. 9.—In an alleged quarrel over the price of fruit G. Sunseri shot and killed M. Reis, a produce dealer. Joe Gimette then shot Sunseri and was himself cut and bruised. Suspicion of "black hand" tactics was really the cause of the shooting, Sunseri charging he was threatened with death unless he paid \$6000. Sunseri claims he shot in self defense.

MORE GOLD ENGAGED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Lazard Freres today engaged \$2,750,000 for gold import, making the total engagements of the present movement \$102,750,000.

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RAISING FUNDS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—The Chicago Red Cross Society will make a whirlwind 48 hour campaign, beginning today, to raise \$5000 for the destitute relatives of the hundreds of miners killed by the explosion at Monongah, W. Va.

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PROGRAM FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 9, 1907.

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